

**MINUTES
MANSFIELD COMMISSION ON AGING
MEETING HELD ON APRIL 8, 2002**

Present: Susanna Thomas, Chair; Carol Phillips; Carol McMillan; Ray Moore; Elizabeth Norris; Phil Fichandler; Nora Stevens; Marcia Zimmer, Administrator, Juniper Hill Village; Staff: Jean Ann Kenny and Bill Kennedy.
Excused: Mary Thatcher

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:35 PM.
- II. Appointment of Recording Secretary: C. McMillan agreed to take the minutes for this meeting.
- III. Minutes of the March 11, 2002 meeting was accepted.
- IV. Communications: Connecticut Coalition Alert, LWV spending cap study mentioned. Budget hearing for the Town to be held tonight. Small cities grant proposal to be presented by M. Zimmer (New Business).
- V. Optional Reports:
 - A. Health Care Service: Some staff attended a workshop on "Dealing with Difficult People". Notice of informational meetings included in staff report, Skin Care in March and upcoming End of Life Decisions, by Dr. Kerins and Middle School film encouraging not smoking.
Discussion/clarification of foot care by MD vs. by RN and payments.
 - B. Senior Center Report: B. Kennedy presented M. Gerling's report including information that M. Gerling has submitted her resignation as of 6/30/02. (Note: M. Gerling has agreed to make her retirement effective 07/31/02 vs. 06/30/02.) Suggested that COA plan meeting with M. Gerling in May or June to review and obtain information in an exit type interview to help in planning for search of replacement.
Discussion regarding benefits of intergenerational program involvement in Senior Center programming with students and seniors.
Kitchen staffing of center caused some difficulty, with deficit financial situation contributing.
 - C. Housing: M. Zimmer reported on Juniper Hill request for a Community Development Block Grant of \$500,000 for expanded kitchen facilities as well as additional handicapped parking and storage. She is hoping for COA or individual backing of the grant.
 - D. Town Community Center: Groundbreaking publicity to be soon, actually has started. Still hoping for walking track as part of building project.
- I. Old Business:
 - A. C. Phillips reported she attended the meeting about road changes for improved traffic flow on Maple Road and intersection with S. Eagleville Road. Plans to be made for 2003.
 - B. B. Kennedy reported that budget amounts we recommended for Meals on Wheels, Dial-a-Ride, VNA and Community Companions and Home Care were included in the Town Manager's budget. The Manager's budget

includes \$5,000 for the McSweeney Center and \$4,000 for the Senior Center Association. At the Town Council budget workshop the amount for the Senior Center Association request of \$14,000 was described on a report from the Food Service Committee and explained in a testimony by Tim Quinn. (The Town Manager has indicated that if up to the \$14,000 will be needed, the funds will be allocated from the current budget).

VI. New Business:

- A. It was voted and approved to add the Juniper Hill grant request to our agenda.
- B. We voted unanimously to send a letter to M. Berliner stating COA support for expansion of Juniper Hill kitchen facilities under a Community Development Block Grant. S. Thomas will write the letter.

VII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned. Next meeting set for May 13, 2002 at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol McMillan, Secretary Pro Tem